MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether any medicine can be prepared in the laboratory attached to the local Science College?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): I do not know. But they can be manufactured in the tincture factory attached to the General Medical Stores.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether any salt can be prepared in the General Stores?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): Salt is not manufactured in the General Medical Stores.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know from the member the names of the places or business firms from where these medicines are got down?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): During the years 1106, 1107 and 1108 more of the medicines were got down from the Bengal Chemical Works, Calcutta.

Amendments to Standing Orders of the Sri Mulam Assembly.

126. ✻ MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state the reason for not bringing into effect till now the amendments to Standing Orders of the Sri Mulam Assembly passed in the Assembly on the 15th Edavam 1109?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Dewan's consent to the amendments had to be obtained under section 26 of the Legislative Reforms Regulation and a notification embodying the amendments consented to by the Dewan had to be published in the Gazette. The notification was published in the Gazette dated the 13th November 1934.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from Government what has happened to the amendment that was not published in the notification referred to in the answer?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That amendment was not accepted by the Dewan.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is it still under the consideration of the Dewan or has the Dewan refused to consent to the amendment?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Consent has been refused.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is there any reason given for refusing consent?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Dewan thought it would not be in the interest of the Government or of the Assembly to give assent to that amendment.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether there were any other reasons?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is no other reason than what has already been mentioned.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the member who was responsible for the introduction of this amendment was given to understand all these things?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

Funds for Agricultural Loans.

127. ✻ **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many applications for agricultural loans were disallowed, in the years 1106 to 1109, for absence of fund, from the Nedumangad Taluk Cutcherry and Trivandrum Division Cutcherry?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No application for agricultural loan was rejected from these offices in the years 1106 to 1109 for want of budget allotment.

Protection of cocoanut industry.

128. ✻ **MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR** (*Kartikapalli II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have pressed on the British Indian Government the necessity for protecting cocoanut cultivation in Travancore; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that the people of Travancore have to bear heavy burdens owing to import duties to protect the cotton, iron, sugar and other industries of British India?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): May I know from Government the result of their correspondence with the Government of India?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The matter has been referred to the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research. They appointed a sub-committee which met a few days ago and the resolutions which that committee passed on this matter have been sent to the Government of India.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): May I know from Government whether a final decision has been reached by the Government of India?

PRESIDENT: It has been already stated that the matter is under consideration by the Government of India.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): With reference to his answer to part (b) of the question, may I know whether they have impressed upon the British Government and the Imperial Government that a reduction of import duty is essential?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): We have made representations to Government on the point as strongly as we could.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know from Government whether there will be a further reduction of import duty as a result of that representation?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): We addressed the Government of India on the matter not once but several times.

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